

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

Listing of the claims:

1-8. (Cancelled)

9. (Withdrawn) A method for operating a push-to-talk communication
- 2 between a Push-to-Talk communication system (PoC) group comprising at least one
- member of a first communication network, and a PoC group comprising at least one
- 4 member of a second communication network operated by a second network operator,
- using a PoC application server in each communication network, the method comprising:
- 6 connecting the members of the PoC-group of the first network operator with the
- members of the PoC-group of the second network operator;
- 8 connecting the members of the PoC-group of the first network operator from the
- side of the second network operator;
- 10 connecting the members of the PoC- group of the second network operator from
- the side of the first network operator; and
- 12 synchronizing the PoC application servers.

10. (Currently Amended) A method for push-to-talk communication between  
2 the members of an existing push-to-talk communication session within a first  
communication network operated by a first network operator, and a group of an  
4 additional communication network operated by a second network operator, using a Push-  
to-Talk over a communication system (PoC) application server in each communication  
6 network, the method comprising:  
connecting the additional group to each of the existing groups of the session:  
8 synchronizing the PoC application server of the additional group to ~~the previously~~  
~~synchronized PoC application servers~~ application servers of the existing groups of the  
10 session; and  
identifying the PoC application server of the additional group by an address  
12 derived from ~~the group address~~ a group address assigned to the existing groups of the  
session.

11. (Currently Amended) The method for operating a push-to-talk  
2 communication according to claim ~~4~~ 10, wherein the synchronization is carried out  
automatically by the PoC application servers.

12. (Withdrawn) The method for ~~operating~~ a push-to-talk communication  
2 according to claim ~~2~~ 9, wherein the synchronization is carried out automatically by the  
PoC application servers.

13. (Currently Amended) The method for operating a push-to-talk  
2 communication according to claim 4 10, wherein the synchronization is carried out  
whenever a user requests update of all group members of the PoC groups before sending  
4 a PoC message.

14. (Withdrawn) The method for ~~operating~~ a push-to-talk communication  
2 according to claim ~~2~~ 9, wherein the synchronization is carried out whenever a user  
requests update of all group members of the PoC groups before sending a PoC message.

15. (Withdrawn) A system for push-to-talk communication between push-to-  
2 talk groups of at least two communication networks, the system comprising:  
one common group management system; and  
4 at least one subsystem for each network operator consisting of at least one push-  
to-talk communication application server.

16. (Withdrawn) The system according to claim 15, wherein the  
2 communication networks are radio communication networks.